

SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Original) A personal protection device comprising a resilient structure which, in use, surrounds a bodypart of the user, the energy from an impact by a first surface being transmitted through the structure from the impact side to the other side (s) and dissipated to an external second surface with which the structure is in contact.
2. (Original) A personal protection device as claimed in claim1, wherein the resilient structure is a rigid frame.
3. (Currently Amended) A personal protection device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the resilient structure is a one piece structure.
4. (Currently Amended) A personal protection device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the resilient structure comprises two or more interconnectable parts.
5. (Currently Amended) A personal protection device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein the structure is contoured and/or shaped to the bodypart.

6. (Currently Amended) A personal protection device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
Claim 1, wherein the bodypart is the upper torso.

7. (Original) A personal protection device according to Claim 6, wherein the device comprises first and second rigid hoops each of which, in use, passes over one of a user's shoulder and beneath the user's arms.

8. (Original) A personal protection device according to Claim 7, wherein the first and second hoops are rigidly interconnected.

9. (Original) A personal protection device according to Claim 8, further comprising front and rear cross-members interconnecting the first and second hoops.

10. (Original) A personal protection device according to Claim 9, wherein at least one of the cross-members includes a releasable coupling releasable to allow relative movement of the first and second hoops.

11. (Canceled)